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In re Application of:

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For: CONTAINER WITH ACID

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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed more than 14 months ago (May 6, 2005), and no action on the merits has been received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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